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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Apr 27, 2001

2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 35 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirements.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.

12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 2 & 3

20) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. Applicant's amendment dated Apr. 27, 2001, responding to the Feb. 1, 2001, Office action provided in the rejection of all originally pending claims, claims 1-24. Claims 1, 3, 6, 9-12, and 15 have been amended. New claims 25 and 26 are added. Claims 1-26 are now pending in this application and which have been fully considered by the examiner. However, Applicant arguing for the claims are patentable over the *Van Hoff* (See pages 10-14 of the amendment) primarily based on (1) *Van Hoff* fails to teach distribution of an intrusion detection program and accordingly does not anticipate now amended claims (Re Claims 1, 2, 4, and 6-8), wherein distribution of such a specific name/application program, an intrusion detection program, would be an obvious variation and/or a design of choice of such distributions of a program per se, as once taught by *Van Hoff* (*Emphasis added*). In other words, regardless whether a distributed program is an intrusion detection program or a food ordering program, it is an application program or a program being distributed. And (2) among other amended claims and challenges of the examiner's common wisdom practice/Official Notice taken, as will be addressed under Prior Art's Arguments - Rejections section at item 2 below. Thus, Applicant's amendment is not persuasive and necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE

MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Prior Art's Arguments - Rejections

2. Applicants' arguments filed on Apr. 27, 2001, has been fully considered by the examiner but they are not persuasive. For example,

1) Referring to section 102 rejections, at pages 10-11, Applicants argue that *Van Hoff* does not teach distribution of an intrusion detection program as now amended, thus does not anticipated amended Claim 1. However, as noted above, distributing of such a specific name/application program, an intrusion detection program, is no different from distributing, e.g., a food ordering program and/or a software application program per se as once taught by *Van Hoff*. Accordingly, distributing of such an intrusion detection program would be an obvious variation of prior art. As to amended claim 3, Applicants argue that *Van Hoff* fails to teach aging the first program, such that, for example, the program determines when it may be in need of updating! (Re page 10, 3rd. paragraph). However, Applicants argue for an unclaimed merit of distinction, even as now amended, there is no such determines in the claim, thus argument is moot and not persuasive. As to amended claim 15, Applicants argue

that there is no teaching in *Van Hoff* for automatically downloading an update for a program from a web site. The examiner reasserts that, as noted in last Office action and recited by the Applicants that *Van Hoff*, col. 12:63 to col. 13:6, does indeed teach such claimed limitation through "...a content provider can store a web-site, together with all related data, in a channel (application/program)...".

2) Referring to section 103 rejections, at pages 11-14, as to amended claim 9, Applicants contend that *Van Hoff* merely teaches the use of a "holding space" to "store data received as part of updates replies" for avoiding update data may corrupt during transaction but does not suggest "restoring a first (old) version of a program for operation", which examiner disagree. The examiner's position, as noted in last Office action, is that *Van Hoff* provides a means and/or suggestion so that data (first version) can be restored as the update reply commands are not immediately applied because "modification of program code or data may corrupt channel application 153 if that application is running at the time of the updates" (See *Van Hoff*, col. 9:19-22, so as acknowledged by the Applicants (page 11)) and in addition *Van Hoff* also teaches "...the updating of channel data 161 from the holding space 155 is a transactional operation which means that it can be interrupted at any time without corrupting channel data 161 (first version)" (See col. 9:26-29). In other words, channel data 161 (first version) remains intact so that for whatever the cause(s) that the update version is inoperable, then it is a common wisdom practice that to restore the old/first, channel data 161, version, otherwise *Van Hoff* system, as a whole, is inoperative (*emphasis added*). Applicants also have attempted to challenge the examiner's common wisdom practice/Official Notice; however,

Applicants have not provided adequate information or argument so that *on its face* it creates a reasonable doubt regarding the circumstances justifying the Official Notice. Therefore, the presentation of a reference to substantiate the Official Notice is not deemed necessary. The examiner's taking of common wisdom practice/Official Notice has been maintained. *See In re Boon*, 169 USPQ 231(CCPA 1971).

As to amended claims 10-13, the examiner's position is maintained as set forth in last Office action. Applicants again have attempted to challenge the examiner intends to take Official Notice; however, Applicants have not provided adequate information or argument so that *on its face* it creates a reasonable doubt regarding the circumstances justifying the Official Notice. Therefore, the presentation of a reference to substantiate the Official Notice is not deemed necessary. The examiner intends to take Official Notice has been maintained. *See In re Boon*, 169 USPQ 231(CCPA 1971).

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

3. Referring to the IDS paper no. 2, filed Mar 8, 1999, in particular, non-patent documents listed on pages 2-10 which appears to provide with more background information of intrusion detection art per se which subject matters already have been acknowledged by the Applicant at pages 2-3 of the specification, as noted in last Office action, and which Applicant respectfully declines to comment on these arts with relevant aspect to the claimed invention. Since the claimed instant application invention only direct toward a manner of a method, a system for dynamically distributing updates of a program per se in a network, e.g., updating a program or an intrusion program in response to an automated/timed event, regardless of any

details of such an intrusion detection system and/or detection intrusion signatures or techniques would have been implemented in such distributing, updates, program systems. Thus, non-patent documents listed on the IDS, paper no. 2, in particular at pages 2-10 now being considered for the claimed merit of distributing and/or updating program subject matters only and not for, or regardless, unclaimed intrusion detection system and/or techniques per se, as Applicant acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. Claims 1-24 and added new claims 25-26 finally rejected, as amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action in light of the reasons set forth in the prior art's arguments-rejections at item 2 above.

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims **1-26** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Van Hoff et al '5,919,247' (hereinafter *Van Hoff*) in view of common wisdom practice in the art, or well known art (intrusion detection per se - Re page 2:32 to page 3:9 of the specification).

As to claim 1, as noted in item 2 above the amended claim 1 now called for updating a specific software program name, an intrusion detection program (which is a software program per se, regardless whether it is a food ordering program or an intrusion detection program it is

just a name of a software program), as pointed out in last Office action, *Van Hoff* discloses a system and method for distributing (updating) software applications and data to clients over a connection based network (*See* FIGs. 1A, Abstract and at col. 2:50-67), wherein channels (applications/programs) can be downloaded and/or updated automatically at regular intervals (automated/timed event) by the tuner (client application). And in that *Van Hoff* teachings including the steps of:

“in response to an automated event, automatically downloading...any update for the ...program” (E.g., see FIGs. 1A-1E and associated text; and at col. 3:10-13 which states “At regular intervals (automated event) the tuner can re-establish a connection to the transmitter (server component) from which the channel was obtained and check...If changes are detected, these changes are downloaded and installed automatically”);

“installing a downloaded update to generate a second version of the...program” (E.g., again see FIG. 1B channel data 161 and associated text, e.g., at col. 4:52-57); and

“operating the second version...in place of the first version at the network site” (E.g., again see channel data 161, as noted above).

Van Hoff does not specifically disclose an “*intrusion detection*” program. However, as noted above, it would become apparent to one skilled in the pertinent art at the time of the invention was made to recognize that the mere fact of an intended specific software program name being used and/or implemented as an intrusion detection program is no different from just a typical software program that once taught by *Van Hoff*, thus, accordingly using a program name as an intrusion detection program would also have been obvious.

As to claim 2, *Van Hoff* also discloses "*the automated event is a timed event*" (E.g., see col. 5:14-16, as tuner process 152 using a timer, and also as noted above). Thus, accordingly it would also have been obvious.

As to claim 3, as applied and set forth in claim 1 above, *Van Hoff* also discloses "*aging the first version of the program*" (E.g., see FIG. 6B step 615 determine delay until next update and associated text, e.g., at col. 10:24-25); and "*the timed event...reaching a specified age*" (E.g., see col. 10:31-32, as delay default value is 0 minutes). Thus, accordingly it would also have been obvious.

As to claim 4, *Van Hoff* also discloses "*the specified age is less than or equal to twenty-four hours*" (E.g., again see delay default value as noted above). Thus, accordingly it would also have been obvious.

As to claim 5, *Van Hoff* also discloses "*the timed event occurs at least once a day*" (E.g., again see delay default value as noted above). Thus, accordingly it would also have been obvious.

As to claim 6, *Van Hoff* also discloses such claimed limitations as noted in claim 1 above (E.g., again see col. 3:10-13). Thus, accordingly it would also have been obvious.

As to claim 7, *Van Hoff* also discloses "*encrypted format*" (E.g., see col. 12:38-41) and such a "*decrypting*" step is deemed to be inherent in *Van Hoff* system. In order to install and/or use the, encrypted, downloaded update data, *Van Hoff* system must decrypting the downloaded update data prior to installation, otherwise inoperative. Thus, accordingly it would also have been obvious.

As to claim 8, *Van Hoff* also discloses "*authenticating*" (E.g., again see col. 12:38-46). Thus, accordingly it would also have been obvious.

As to claim 9, as applied and set forth in claim 1 above, *Van Hoff* does not explicitly disclose "*restoring the first (old) version*". However, *Van Hoff* also discloses the use of a holding space 155 (See FIG. 1B and associated text, e.g. at col. 9) for avoiding update data may corrupt during transaction (as noted above in item 2). Thus, it would become apparent to one skilled in the pertinent art at the time of the invention was made to recognize that when such an update data (second version) is inoperable, for whatever the cause(s), then it is a common wisdom practice to restore the old, current operational data (first version) so that the system would maintain in operatively mode otherwise inoperative, and which *Van Hoff* already provides a means so that data can be retrieved and used (as noted above in item 2).

Accordingly, it, restoring limitation, would also have been obvious.

As to claim 10, as applied and set forth in claim 1 above, *Van Hoff* does not explicitly disclose "*distributing the download update to a disparate network site operating the first version*". However, it would become apparent to one skilled in the pertinent art at the time of the invention was made to recognize that, concurrence operating (version) integrity is typically being maintained in a network, as common wisdom practice. Thus, at a regular interval as in *Van Hoff*, once such changes of a channel (first version) has been detected, as noted above, theses changes (update or second version) would also have been provided and/or distributed to other members (disparate network site) in the network that currently operating with the first version. Accordingly, distributing the changed or second version, as enforcing, to other

network's members (disparate network sites) would also have been obvious.

As to claim 11, as applied and set forth in claim 1 above, such claimed limitations also have been addressed and/or covered as set forth in claims 9 & 10 above.

As to claim 12, as applied and set forth in claim 1 above, *Van Hoff* does not explicitly disclose "*broadcasting over a network an update message*". However, *Van Hoff* also suggests such broadcasting features as an equivalent method (*See Abstract*). Moreover, such a broadcast distribution of software over a connection based network feature is well known in the computer software update, upgrade, and/or remote installation art. Thus, it would also become apparent to one skilled in the pertinent art at the time of the invention was made to utilize of such broadcasting feature, as claimed, in the update method that once taught by *Van Hoff*.

As to claim 13, as applied to claim 12 above, such "*recovery event*" (restoring) also have been addressed and/or covered as set forth in claim 9 above.

As to claim 14, as applied to claim 1 above, *Van Hoff* does not explicitly disclose "*the program is a set of instruction detection signatures for an intrusion detection sensor*".

However, such an intrusion detection program per se, as noted in item 3 above, IDS section, which a claimed limitation is well known in the computer security art as also acknowledged by the Applicant (*See background art at pages 2:32 to page 3:9 of the specification*). Thus, it would also become apparent to one skilled in the pertinent art at the time of the invention was made to implement and/or applying *Van Hoff* teachings for such a typical known intrusion detection application, as in prior art, since *Van Hoff* teachings regardless of what application

program (channel) being updated.

As to claim 15, as applied and set forth in claim 1 above, *Van Hoff* also discloses "*the remote site is an Internet web page*" (E.g., see FIG. 1B Web browser 151 and associated text, e.g., at col. 12:63 to col. 13:6). Thus, accordingly it would also have been obvious.

As to claims 16-21, this is another version of the method claimed discussed above, claims 1-6 & 14, wherein all claimed limitations also have been addressed and/or covered as set forth above. Thus, the same rationales provided in the rejection of claims 1-6 & 14 above are also applied and incorporated herein.

As to claims 22-24, this is an apparatus version of the method claimed discussed above, claims 1, 2 & 14, wherein all claimed limitations also have been addressed and/or covered as set forth above. Thus, the same rationales provided in the rejection of claims 1, 2 & 14 above are also applied and incorporated herein.

As to claim 25, as applied to claim 14 above, *Van Hoff* does not explicitly disclose "*instruction detection signatures comprise patterns of network activity that indicate unauthorized access*". However, again such an intrusion detection program per se, as noted in item 3 above, IDS section, which a claimed limitation is also well known in the computer security art as also acknowledged by the Applicant (*See* background art at pages 2:32 to page 3:9 of the specification). Thus, it would also become apparent to one skilled in the pertinent art at the time of the invention was made to implement and/or applying *Van Hoff* teachings for such a typical known intrusion detection application, as in prior art, since *Van Hoff* teachings regardless of what application program (channel) being updated.

As to claim **26**, as applied to claim 13 above, such claimed limitations also has been addressed and/or covered as set forth in claim 13 above.

Conclusion

7. The background art of interest is cited by the examiner. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mr. Tuan Dam whose telephone number is (703) 305-4552. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Mondays. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Mark R. Powell, can be reached on (703) 305-9703.

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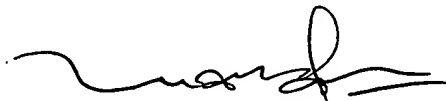
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